## BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT

## NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

February 15, 2001

IN RE:		
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APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION	)	<b>DOCKET NO. 00-01077</b>
AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BY UNITED	)	
TELEPHONE-SOUTHEAST, INC. D/B/A	)	
SPRINT AND @LINK NETWORKS, INC.	)	
D/B/A @LINK FOR APPROVAL OF AN	)	
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER	)	
SECTIONS 252(e) OF THE	)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996	)	
ORDER APPROVING INTERCON	INECT	TION AGREEMENT

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") upon the Petition of United Telephone–Southeast, Inc. d/b/a Sprint for approval of the Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") negotiated by and between United Telephone–Southeast, Inc. d/b/a Sprint ("Sprint") and @Link Networks, Inc. d/b/a @Link ("@Link"). The Petition for approval of the Agreement came before the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252.

The Agreement was considered at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on February 6, 2001, in Nashville, Tennessee before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director H. Lynn Greer, Jr., and Director Melvin J. Malone. The Authority has jurisdiction over public utilities pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 *et seq*. Based upon the Petition, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252, the Directors unanimously approved the Agreement and made the following findings and conclusions:

1) The Agreement is in the public interest as it provides consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within the Sprint service area;

- 2) The Agreement is not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto;
  - 3) No party has sought intervention in this docket;
- 4) The approval of the Agreement is consistent with previous Authority decisions and orders; and
- 5) The Agreement is reviewable by the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 et seq.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The Interconnection Agreement negotiated by and between United Telephone–Southeast, Inc. d/b/a Sprint and @Link Networks, Inc. d/b/a @Link is approved and is subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.

Sara Kyle, Chairman

H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director

Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:

K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary